

**Hidden Dangers: The Legacy of New Mexico's Abandoned Mines**  
New Mexico AML Program's Mine Safeguarding Movie

Expanding our public outreach and education program has been a priority for the NM AML Program. With this in mind, we decided to produce a movie that focused on mine safety issues, and gear it towards the general public. We contracted with National Educational Technology Solutions (NETS), an Albuquerque company with experience in producing documentaries.

During the filming process, we conducted numerous field and office interviews with AML staff, as well as the biologist we have on contract to conduct our bat surveys, contractors who work with us on safeguarding the mines, historians, archaeologists, a local rancher, a mine owner, and a mother whose son was killed in a mine accident. We filmed at many locations around New Mexico. The locations included projects in the planning stage, projects under construction, and completed projects. We focused on both the dangers of open mines, and the methods that AML uses to safeguard them. In addition, we discussed related issues, such as biology, history, and historic preservation.

We plan to distribute the movie to schools, libraries, and state and federal agencies; ultimately, we would like it to be shown on PBS, to reach a wider audience. Our hope is that with education, we can prevent further mine accidents and deaths in New Mexico.